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From: Latimer, Becky -
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 10:11 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: 2019-281-S

Dear Michael Wainscott,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

- Docket No. 2019-281-S - Application of Palmetto Utilities, Incorporated for Adjustment (Increase) of Rates and Charges, Terms and Conditions, for Sewer Service Provided to Customers in Its Richland and Kershaw County Service Areas

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If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,
Becky Latimer

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From: Easterling, Deborah
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 9:27 AM
To: Latimer, Becky
Subject: FW: [External] Reference Docket No. 2019-281-S

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, January 11, 2020 1:25 PM
To: PSC_Contact <Contact@psc.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Reference Docket No. 2019-281-S

Dear Sir/Madam.

I am writing in reference to the the request by Palmetto Utilities to increase sewer rates from \$52.10 to \$66.62.

In reviewing the justification on file, I note that Palmetto Utilities is referencing expenditure of \$80 million in capital investment. Please note that this same justification was used in their 2018 rate increase request which resulted in a 42% rate increase (\$36.50 to \$52.10) in April, 2018.

The current rate of \$52.10 is already in excess of most folks water bill and seems unreasonable. Adding another 28% to the current amount, resulting in the new amount of \$66.62, will mean that rates would increase by over 82% since early 2018.

I am opposed to this unreasonable request for a rate increase and request that any rate increase requested by this provider, regardless of amount, be rejected by the PSC.

Regards,

Michael Wainscott

Columbia, SC